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SUB: NRC CHAIRMAN I.K. ACHEAMPONG REPORTS GHANA

SELF SUFFICIENT IN RICE

SEPTEMBER 5 EDITION OF GOVERNMENT OWNED "DAILY GRAPHIC"
CARRIED HEADLINES QUOTE: NO MORE IMPORTS OF RICE. UNQUOTE.
"GRAPHIC" REPORTED HEAD OF STATE AND CHAIRMAN OF NRC
COL I.K. ACHEAMPONG ANNOUNCED TO VISITING DELEGATION OF
ABOUT 70 COCOA FARMERS THAT IT WOULD NO LONGER BE NECESSARY
TO IMPORT RICE BECAUSE OF THE SUCCESS OF
"OPERATION FEED YOURSELF" PROGRAMS RELATING TO RICE
PRODUCTION. "GRAPHIC" EDITORIAL NOTED THAT QUOTE: SELF-
SUFFICIENCY IN RICE HAS REMOVED ONE MAJOR WEAPON BY
WHICH ENEMIES OF OUR REVOLUTION COULD, AND HAVE SOUGHT
TO, HOLD THE NATIONS FORTUNES IN HAND. UNQUOTE.

COMMENT: USAID/GHANA AGRICULTURAL EXPERT NOTES COUNTRY
CURRENTLY CAPABLE OF PRODUCING JUST OVER HALF CURRENT
YEARLY REQUIREMENTS OF APPROXIMATELY 100,000 METRIC
TONS RICE. "GHANAIAAN TIMES", OTHER GOVERNMENT OWNED
DAILY AND THE GHANA NEWS AGENCY REPORTED COL
ACHEAMPONG'S SPEECH WITHOUT MENTIONING RICE STATEMENT,
WHICH "GRAPHIC" MAY HAVE MISQUOTED OR TAKEN OUT OF
CONTEXT.

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